

A dull, serious mood all day, will not only make you very uninteresting to others, but it makes your own load go hard.—Orison M. Mar-den.

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STATUS OF CALIFORNIA OIL LANDS AND ARGUMENTS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Adjustment Sought to Pass Conservation Bill, Permitting Relief—Holders of Oil Stock in Hawaii Interested in Measure

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The internal committee agreed upon by the executive departments with a view to the adjustment of the questions at issue between the navy department on the one side and the California oil producers and the interior department on the other side, is expected to meet Monday to take up the subject. The adjustment committee has been completed by the designation of Chairman Ferris and Messrs. Taylor and Lenoir to represent the House Public Lands Committee. As it now stands the full committee of adjustment is composed as follows: Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, and Commander Richardson of the navy; Mr. Tallman, commissioner of the general land office, and Mr. Finney of the board of review of the interior department; Senators Pittman, Phelan and Clark from the senate public lands committee, and Messrs. Ferris, Taylor and Lenoir, from the house public lands committee.

Gasoline and Oil Production
The California oil producers who are seeking to adjust the difficulty with the navy department over the naval oil reserves state that since the difficulty arose the production of oil has been diminished to a considerable extent since capital is unwilling to make further efforts to open up new oil territory in the public domain, and the diminution during the past year has had its effect upon the price of gasoline, fuel oil and illuminating oil. The conservation bill which has passed the house and has been reported by the senate public lands committee and placed on the calendar, among other provisions, carries a provision which would give the relief which the California oil men seek. In 1907 congress passed a law inviting people to explore the public domain for the purpose of finding oil. In response to this invitation the Californians set to work to explore the waste places in the hope of finding oil in sufficient quantities to make its production a matter of profit. The prospectors worked under great hardships and had to encounter severe obstacles, but after the expenditure of several million dollars oil was found in several places.

Oil Lands Withdrawal
Oil lands were to be acquired at this time only under the laws which have been passed by congress. The laws in respect to placing claims for oil were in no way adapted to the requirements of oil drilling. The laws were a hindrance to the prospectors who were doing the best they could under the conditions existing when President Taft unexpectedly issued an order withdrawing times oil lands from entry. This was done in order that laws specially applicable to the conditions encountered in the discovery of oil in large quantities in California and elsewhere might be enacted. The validity of the withdrawal order always was seriously in question and President Taft himself expressed grave doubts about it. It was not the purpose of the executive that any existing rights should be interfered with.

Picket Law Passed
Following the withdrawal of the oil lands from entry in June, 1910, congress passed the Pickett law which authorized the president to make with withdrawal of lands and which also provided that no existing rights should be impaired. The Pickett bill contained a proviso that the rights of any person who at the date of order of withdrawal previously or thereafter made as a bona fide occupant or claimant of oil or gas bearing land and who at such date was in diligent prosecution of work leading to the discovery of oil or gas should not be affected or impaired by the order so long as he should continue in diligent prosecution of the work. This was the first notice that the oil operators had from the government that they were required to be diligent in the prosecution of their work and that they must have been prosecuting their work actively at the date of the Taft withdrawal order in September, 1909.

The government, through its legal department, now contends that a man who was not diligent at work on his property nine months prior to the passage of the law has forfeited his claim. The effect of this construction is to take lands away from men who went on at the invitation of the government, spent their time and money in developing them, constructed pipe lines and built villages and towns in the belief that they were acting in compliance with the laws of the land. Most of the oil operators of California upon land which is now in suit entered upon those lands prior to President Taft's order of withdrawal. Many of them had discovered oil before the lands were withdrawn from entry. If the contention of the legal officials should be sustained the result would be to take away from these people properties which they have developed and built upon and to make them pay for every gallon of oil which they have taken from the lands since they first went upon them in compliance with the law and by the direct invitation of the government itself.

Judge Bean's Decision
Judge Bean of the United States Federal Court, in the case in which the United States was plaintiff against the Midway Northern Oil Company and other defendants, held substantially that the present law affords no protection to a large class of oil miners however diligent and honest they may have been, although the oil men

thus stripped of protection operated honestly and in good faith. Judge Bean in his decision said: "The oil men were not wilful looters of the public domain nor reckless trespassers thereon. They acted on the advice of reputable counsel, expended their money and labor in good faith relying upon a law of the United States and in the honest belief that they were within their rights."

It is these men who are asking relief from congress, many of whom will be bankrupt while thousands of stockholders of the various companies will suffer through the millions of dollars worth of property confiscated or irretrievably injured.

IN WAR ARENA

BRITISH OFFICIALS UNDER SWAY OF WOMEN

LONDON, Eng., Jan. 4.—Government officials are in a high state of excitement following the revelation of certain army scandals that are said to have grown out of an investigation over the influence wielded by prominent society women over high officials.

The matter was brought to a head here yesterday when a court of inquiry publicly reprimanded Mrs. Cornwallis-West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill, for injudiciously boasting that she wielded considerable power over certain officials in the war office.

In its findings the court announced that it was regrettable that Mrs. Cornwallis-West should hold such a position in the affairs of the kingdom.

THINKS GERMANY READY FOR PEACE AT ANY PRICE

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—The London News in analyzing the German comments on the Allied reply to the chancellor's peace proposals, finds that the indications are that the Central Powers do not regard the possibility of further negotiations as beyond hope. The paper concludes with the expression of its belief that the Allies are not approaching when the peace negotiations will be at an end.

AMERICAN SURGEONS FOR BRITISH FIGHTING LINE

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—It was announced here last night that the British government is now seriously contemplating employing American surgeons as doctors on the war fronts while her own medical aid down the channel and take to the sword.

BRITISH AND NEUTRAL SHIPS SENT TO BOTTOM

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—Two more vessels, one British and one belonging to a neutral nation, have fallen victims to the undersea warps. Lloyd's announces the sinking of the British steamship *Hollybranch* and the Norwegian steamer *Erica*.

TEUTON PRINCE FALLS ON ROMANIAN FRONT

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Jan. 4.—The Berlin newspapers yesterday announced the death of the Prince Ze Furstenberg, one of the former friends of the Kaiser, who was killed on the war front in Rumania.

Elizabeth Robinson, wife of Chas. L. Robinson, theatrical promoter, was found dead at her home in Albany.

OBSERVERS ON OUTERMOST ISLES ARE WANTED BY WEATHER BUREAU

"Wanted, one public spirited person, man or woman, on Kauai and another on Hawaii, to watch the weather of those islands on a salary of nothing a year."

This is the kind of "want ad" Meteorologist Andrew M. Hamrick, in charge of the U. S. weather bureau's territorial headquarters in the Alexander Young building, this city, would insert in the papers if the bureau would authorize him to do it.

Hamrick is desirous of extending the scope of the local office's weather predicting activities but has no appropriation to pay cooperative observers. He wants one observer on Kauai, the extreme northwestern island of the territory, and another on Hawaii, the extreme southeastern point of the group, to take daily readings and forward them by wireless to the Honolulu central station.

On Outermost Islands
"In connection with the extensive weather service in the Hawaiian Islands," said Meteorologist Hamrick today, "I would like to obtain the services of some person who has the time and inclination to cooperate with this office in observing weather conditions and making daily reports to us by wireless."

"We have no appropriation out of which we can pay such observers, but they will have the satisfaction of knowing they are doing a real service to the islands in helping us forecast coming storms or other weather disturbances or changes."

Will Furnish Instruments
The Honolulu headquarters of the weather bureau has mercurial barometers and thermometers furnished by

GOOD WORK WINS HEARTY THANKS

Thanking the park and school committee and the board of supervisors for the good work which they have done, M. W. Angus, principal of the Pohukaina school, has sent the following letter:

"At a recent meeting of the faculty of Pohukaina school it was moved that a vote of thanks on behalf of the teachers and pupils be extended to you for the work that is being done towards 'beautifying our school grounds.'"

For five years, according to Ben Hollinger, chairman, the grounds were little better than a dump, but now under the supervision of A. K. Vierra, park superintendent, the grounds are being planted to grass and many trees have also been put in. The work is now nearly completed and is a great improvement. It also gives the children of Kakaako a clean place in which to play.

DYNAMITER M'NAMARA LEADS REVOLT IN PRISON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 4.—James D. McNamara, the convicted dynamiter of the Los Angeles Times building, is in more trouble with the prison authorities at San Quentin, according to reports from that institution yesterday. He has proved unsatisfactory in the laundry work to which he was assigned, and had been ordered back to the jute mill, when he refused to obey any further orders. He was then given three days in the dungeon on bread and water punishment, but this failed to break his stubbornness, and when he came out yesterday he again refused to work in the jute mill.

McNamara has been one of the leaders in much of the subordination among the prisoners which has troubled the guards recently, and he has led others into the same path of action. Among these is James B. Smith, one of the officials of the Western Fuel Company, and a multimillionaire who is serving time in the state prison for conspiracy to defraud the United States government.

Friends of Smith recently learned that he has become firm friends with McNamara, the dynamiter, and had been "disciplined" by the prison authorities for following the example of the dynamiter in refusing to work or to obey the regulations of the institution.

CONGRESS VOTES ANOTHER MILLION FOR NAVY WORK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Congress yesterday voted to allow the increase in the appropriation for the construction of the 33-knot scout cruisers found to be necessary and requested by the navy department, the extra appropriation voted yesterday amounting to approximately a million dollars.

Under the naval appropriation bill passed at the last session, four of the fast cruisers were authorized and a contract for the construction of one of the four has already been let. The bids exceeded the appropriation on the other three and recently new bids were called for.

These new bids were even higher than the original ones, the cost of material and labor having advanced, bringing the total bids for the three ships to \$900,000 over the limit set in the bill.

DRASTIC LEGISLATION IS FORECAST FOR RAILROADS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The railroad legislation, which is insisted upon by the President, is being pressed with all possible speed through the preliminary steps in the lower house of congress. Members of the house yesterday asserted that the failure of the Admonition eight-hour law intends to introduce other bills, which will provide that there shall be no strike on any of the rail lines of the nation until after 60 days' notice has been given. The measures will also empower the President to place the railroads under the charge of the military forces of the country for protection in cases of emergency.

HEAT KILLS MUTINOUS FILIPINO FIREMEN
(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
MANILA, P. I., Jan. 4.—Three Filipino firemen of the naval collier *Alex*, which is moored at Cavite, were asphyxiated yesterday in a room over the boilers of the vessel where they had been confined in irons for several hours. They were being punished for mutinous conduct. The heat of the boilers added to that of the climate and the closeness of the enclosure proved too much for their endurance and they were dead when discovered.

LETTER IN STAR-BULLETIN GETS ROAD REPAIRED QUICK

The rapid effect of publicity was forcibly demonstrated yesterday when an annoying hole in King street at Pawa Junction was repaired not more than 24 hours after a letter regarding the same had been published in the Star-Bulletin.

FILIPINOS ARE WELL LIKED, SAYS RESIDENT OF HANA

Rizal Day Observances Bring Aliens and Citizens Together in Joint Celebration

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HANA, Maui, Jan. 3.—There is a mighty fine class of Filipino boys living in the Hana district. December 30 was Rizal Day, the one great day of all the year for every loyal son of the beautiful islands. For weeks every boy in whom there was the least spark of pride and loyalty had been getting his heart ready for the great event.

Kind friends in Honolulu and elsewhere had given the effort their cordial support. Saturday morning everything was ready.

At 3 o'clock a great procession started from the town hall and marched through the different parts of the town. Carried high aloft was a banner with the picture of Rizal upon it and flanked on either side by the Stars and Stripes and the former flag of the Philippines. A string band and a band of brass instruments led the procession. Cordial friends cheered the Filipinos as they marched along. Good will was seen on all sides.

At the hall speeches were made and a great banquet served. The speeches were all right. The banquet would do credit to any company of men. The service was excellent. The food was well prepared, tastefully arranged and in great abundance. The boys were ideal hosts. They took great delight in prompt and good service.

Sunday morning the boys attended service at the Waiwalea church in a body. They and the minister seem to be on very good terms. In the evening they held a concert at the church. The great old building was well filled. The concert was such as would do credit to any set of young fellows whose time for practice is limited. More than 50 of the boys stayed for the watch meeting at midnight.

From early in the morning until late in the afternoon on Monday they played games and had a general good time in the yard in front of the house of Mr. Lake, the missionary of the Starvation Board. The enthusiasm they showed and the joy with which they did things would surely make any man and any community glad. These boys seem to like Hana and those who have seemed to be ready to be their friends. They have not a particle of prejudice against work. They seem to like to work and to have things done things. Here is for a hearty welcome to them and a cordial happy New Year!

COL. HARDING SUCCEEDS GOETHALS IN CANAL ZONE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—The nomination of Lieut. Col. Chester Harding, Engineer Corps, to be governor of the Canal Zone, succeeding Maj. Gen. Goethals, was sent to the senate yesterday by the President. Lieut. Col. Harding has been acting governor of the zone for some time.

Lieut. Col. Watts is nominated as judge advocate general of the navy. Secretary of War Baker yesterday granted to Brig. Gen. George F. Scriven, chief signal officer, the right to retire, effective on February 14. It is probable that Lieut. Col. George O. Snider, now in the office of the chief signal officer, will succeed his present chief.

AVIATRIX STINSON MAY GIVE EXHIBITION HERE

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Jan. 4.—Katherine Stinson, noted American aviatrix, left for Osaka yesterday, where she will make several flights. After the flights there she will go to Nagoya and several other large cities. She will return to the United States in February, via Honolulu, and she said yesterday she intends to fly in Honolulu if permitted.

LORD-YOUNG IS LOWEST BIDDER ON BERETANIA

Bids for the paving of Beretania street, between King and Nuuanu, were opened Wednesday at the office of the county clerk. Only two tenders were offered, the lowest being \$30,500, bid by the Lord-Young Engineering Company, and the other \$35,555, by the Spalding Construction Company.

These make the second set of bids called for, the first being above the estimated cost. The plans and specifications were then modified and the bids received yesterday advertised.

HONOLULU PEOPLE GET INSTANT ACTION

Those who have used it in Honolulu are astonished at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's-ka. Because it acts on BOTH lower and upper bowel, ONE SPOONFUL Adler's-ka relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. It removes such surprising foul matter that a few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The Hollister Drug Company—Adv.

REV. DANA MURRAY DIES

Rev. Dana Murray, born in Samoa 75 years ago, died Tuesday night at the Queen's hospital. He was stricken with paralysis six months ago. The funeral was this afternoon, with Rev. H. K. Polpo officiating, and burial in the Paeo, Hawaiian church cemetery. Deceased had lived here for nearly half a century and is survived by a wife and daughter.

A key for police patrol boxes has been made of a non-conducting material to guard men from possible electric shocks.

HOLLINGER WILL GET TORMENTOR

"Notice—Warning is hereby given that all persons found teasing or tormenting the animals at Kapiolani Park will be prosecuted."

Ben Hollinger, supervisor and animal collector, is on the warpath as the result of several of his pets being injured recently by people who come out to the park to see them and he is preparing to set a trap to catch the tormentors.

Just the other day some one kicked the new bear in the jaw so hard that its tongue was split and it wouldn't eat for two days," said Hollinger this morning. He has also enlisted the aid of the Humane Society.

ENTENTE NOTE TO WILSON UNDERGOES MODIFICATION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—According to a despatch from the Reuter News Agency, the Entente reply to President Wilson's tentative peace proposal is about finished, but that it is undergoing slight modification. It is positively announced, however, that the reply of the Entente will not be printed until 24 hours after the note has reached the president in Washington.

A second note to Germany is being prepared by the Entente representatives which will be more positive in its tone than the note sent last week in answer to the German chancellor's suggested peace parley.

This note, it is expected, will indicate in a precise manner the preliminary steps that will have to be taken by the Central Powers before the Allies will be prepared to negotiate for peace.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Col. E. M. House, the confidential friend and advisor of the president, reached this city last night just at the time confidential advice from the continent reached here that the Entente Allies have completed the preparation of the reply to the president and are ready to forward it to Washington.

"TOM" FLAVIN GIVES ISLANDS NICE BOOST

Some good promotion work for the islands was done by Thomas J. Flavin, former postoffice inspector here, in the Los Angeles Times of December 27. In it appears the following paragraph concerning the former Honolulu:

"Postoffice Inspector Flavin, who for the past two years has been on duty in Honolulu, is here for a few days before beginning his duties at Santa Barbara, where he has recently been appointed. He will have jurisdiction in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties. Flavin says that business is good in the Hawaiian Islands and that the American government is constantly adding to the military establishment there. There are now 10,000 regular troops stationed at various points."

BOOZE IS PROVED CAUSE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT HANA; FATHER IS CRAZED

Mad With Drink and Anger, He Sets Fire to House With Late Friend and His Own 10-Year-Old Son Inside—Father Bore Good Reputation But Drink Robbed Him of His Senses

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Jan. 3.—George Hu, the confessed double killer of Hana, was brought to Wailuku by the Claudine on Wednesday and lodged in jail. Sheriff Crowell, who went to Hana last Saturday and held an inquest over the two victims, did not bring the murderer back, owing to the fact that, with the stimulus of liquor gone, he had utterly collapsed and was in no shape to make the trip in a small sampan.

He made a clean breast of the whole horrible affair. His only excuse is that he was drunk. He set fire to his house because he believed he had killed Joseph Puhale in the fight earlier in the evening and thus sought to cover up his crime. He did not know that his 10-year-old son, Henry, was asleep in the house, and the death of the boy has completely broken the father, now that his mind is in condition to appreciate the enormity of his crime.

ENGINEER BOARD WORKS STEADILY

Work of inspection is progressing steadily under the three engineers appointed by the board of harbor commissioners to report on the stability and general condition of Piers 6 and 9 and on plans proposed for Pier 10.

Several meetings have been held by the engineers at which they have given consideration to different questions. They are making various inspection trips to the piers together and individually, all in view of the fact that they will report for a week at least, perhaps longer.

Construction work on the pier will be halted pending the time the report is submitted.

See Chiropractic Film No. 3

At the LIBERTY, commencing Tonight. Film No. 4 commences Sunday, Jan. 7, when Film No. 3 goes to the HAWAII Theater.

See Chiropractic for yourself!

F. C. MIGHTON, D. C. 204-5 Boston Bldg. W. C. WEIRICK, D. C. 424 Beretania St.

Men seem neither to understand their riches nor their strength; of the former they believe greater things than they should; of the latter, much less.—Bacon.

out to pound some pot. He finished this and had his dinner, and incidentally more booze. During the evening the men in the crowd engaged in the old Hawaiian test of strength by which the two opponents clasp hands and try to force the arm of the other down. In the encounter between Puhale and Hu neither was able to force the other's hand down and both grew angry. Friends tried to prevent a conflict, but Hu suddenly jumped up, seized the lamp and hurled it against Puhale's head. The latter fell senseless, and the lamp being extinguished, most of the crowd, including Hu's wife and five of his six children, left the place in terror.

Extinguished Blaze First Time
Sam Kelihelele, a brother-in-law of Hu, alone seems to have remained for a while and tried to calm the infuriated man. Hu struck another light, and going to another room, got a small target rifle, with the butt of which he struck the unconscious Puhale on the head. Kelihelele interfered at this juncture, but Hu threatened to shoot him, and so drove him out. Hu then procured coal oil, with which he saturated the house, and then touched a match to it. Kelihelele, who was watching outside, again rushed in and succeeded in smothering the blaze. He argued with Hu, and seems to have believed that he had dissuaded him from his horrible purpose, for he finally left the place. The house was a mass of flames a short time after.

Bore Good Reputation
Hu, who is 45 years of age, has heretofore borne a good reputation. It is but recently that he is reported to have begun to drink. He had not been carousing since Christmas, as at first reported, but had been working on the day of the crime as usual. The crime has caused a profound sensation in Hana.

OREGON LEGISLATURE MUST MAKE OPERATIVE RURAL CREDITS LAW

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 25.—Making operative provisions of a rural credits law, providing penalty clauses for a "bone-dry" amendment, good road laws, several irrigation projects and limitation of tax increases are among the more important issues to occupy the time of the Oregon legislature which convenes here on January 8 for a 40-day session. Indications point to the rural credits legislation as being the chief business before the assembly and which probably will provide the real discussion of the session.

The rural credits law was adopted by popular vote at the elections last November. It is now the duty of the state legislature to make its provisions operative. The law provides for a bond issue up to two percent of the assessed valuation of the state. It will provide approximately \$18,000,000 which is proposed to lend to farmers on long time and at low interest. Should action by the legislature fail it will devolve upon the state land board to put the statute into effect.

The legislature will be called upon to provide penalty clauses for the "bone dry" constitutional amendment passed by the people. The law at present provides only for the prohibition of importations of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes and has no punitive clause. Provisions for punishment of violations are expected to be passed in the form of statutes by the legislature.

Good roads laws and the creation of a non-salaried highway commission will in all probability occupy much of the time during the assembly. Steps also will be taken, it is believed, to meet the requirements of the federal good roads act which will give \$855,000 to Oregon highways providing a duplicate sum is raised by the state. The apparent renewal of interest in